और (ख) 8वीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंतिम वर्ष अर्थात् 1996-97 में नई परियोजनाओं से लगभग 11.6 मिलियन टन उत्पादन होने की आशय है ।

(ग) और (घ) वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान लगभग 79 मिलियन टन पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की मांग होने का अनुमान है ।

(ङ) इस समय पेट्रोल का आयात नहीं किया जाता है । डीजल, मिट्टी के तेल तथा एल पी जी के आयात का निर्धारण मांग और घरेलू उत्पादन की स्थिति को देखते हुए वर्ष-दर-वर्ष किया जाता है ।

Southern Gas Grid

2826. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the setting up of a Southern gas grid; the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the projected expansion of TBJ pipeline would adversely affect the availability of natural gas for the Southern gas grid; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The concept of laying a gas pipeline to the Southern States has been approved in principle.

(b) and (c) The gas that would be supplied along such a pipeline would be over and above the requirements of the HBJ pipeline.

Import of Natural Gas from Iran

2827. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to import natural gas from Iran via a sub-sea/overland pipeline to meet our domestic demands;

(b) if so, what are the prompting factors for taking such a decision fraught with political and security risks; and

(c) whether the Government contemplate to abandon working on lopaided priorities and concentrate on our own natural gas reserves in Bombay High harnessed for domestic consumption through a grid connecting South?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (b) A proposal for the import of natural gas through a pipeline from the Middle East is at a conceptual stage.

(c) Efforts are being made to optimise the production of oil and gas from Bombay High.

Commissioning of HBJ Pipeline

2828. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM and NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the HBJ pipeline commissioned;

(b) what was the capacity of this pipeline at the time of commissioning;

(c) what has been the total expenditure incurred on commissioning the pipeline; and

(d) what has been the capacity utilisation of the pipeline year-wise since it was commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The HBJ pipeline was commissioned in phases between August 1987 and March 1989.

(b) 18.2 MMSCMD.

(c) The total estimated cost of the HBJ pipeline is Rs. 1748 crores.

(d) Capacity utilisation has varied from about 4 per cent in 1987-88 to about 58 per cent in 1991-92.

Supply of petroleum products through Public Distribution System

2829. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how much petroleum and petroleum products are proposed to be secured under the Public Distribution System by way of imports from abroad during the ensuing year; and

(b) the estimated expenditure by way of subsidy to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Domestic production along with imports, after meeting industrial demand, will be put through Public Distribution System. There is no earmarked imports for Public Distribution System and hence the subsidy on imports for Public Distribution System can not be quantified.

Production of crude oil by ONGC

2830. SHRI MATANG SING: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of crude oil by ONGC is likely to receive a severe set back during the current year;

(b) if so, furnish details of production targets of ONGC for petroleum products for the last three year, year-wise including current year and achievement recorded against the targets;

(c) what was the quantity of crude oil and other petroleum products imported during the past three year, year-wise and value thereof (in foreign exchange); and

(d) what steps are taken during Eighth Five Year Plan to augment production of crude oil and other petroleum products to meet domestic requirement and the order of investment on this account during Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The target and actual production of crude oil by ONGC during the last three years is given below:—

(Million Tonnes)

Year	Target	Actuals
1990-91 . . .	33.00	30.35
1991-92 . . .	29.00	27.82
1992-93 . . .	25.544	24.32*

*Anticipated

(c) The details of crude oil and petroleum products imported during the past three years is given below:—

Year	Quantity (Million Tonnes)	Value (Rs. Crores)
1989-90 . . .	26.054	6344.06
1990-91 . . .	29.359	10778.63
1991-92 . . .	33.439	13038.32

(d) A number of oil and gas field development wells are being implemented by ONGC at an estimated capital cost of Rs. 13,665 crores. Likewise, Oil India Limited are also trying to enhence crude output with a tantative approved outlay of about Rs. 829.20 crores. Government have also offered certain discovered oil fields for development by private companies in joint venture with ONGC/CIF or under production sharing arrangements.